

December 24, 2002

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room 8-B201  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Amendment of Sections 90.20 and 90.175 of the Commission's Rules for Frequency  
Coordination of Public Safety Frequencies in the Private Land Mobile Radio Below 470  
MHz Band;  
WT Docket No. 02-285

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter serves to support the proposal to open public safety and industrial/business coordination up for competition in both pools.

We have been providing system design and licensing services for both types of licensees for over 18 years. The industrial/business coordination procedures are much more efficient than public safety coordination. Competition has forced down prices and decreased the amount of time necessary for coordination. These benefits should be offered to public safety licensees as well as industrial/business licensees. Actually, public safety licensees typically need the channels quicker and cheaper (since many of them are volunteers), but have to wait longer and pay more under the current system. This process is unacceptable for critical services and needs a change.

For the reasons above, we support open competition among all coordinators in the public safety and industrial/business pools below 470 MHz. Thank you for considering the interests of public safety licensees through expanded competition.

Sincerely,

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